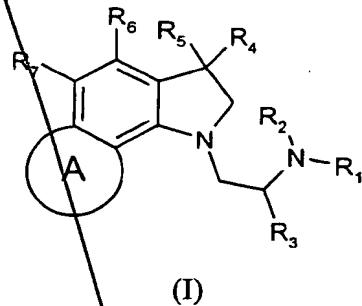


CLAIMS

1. A chemical compound of formula (I):



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wherein:

R₁ and R₂ are independently selected from hydrogen and alkyl;

R₃ is alkyl;

10 R₄ and R₅ are selected from hydrogen and alkyl;

R₆ and R₇ are independently selected from hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, alkyl, aryl, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, alkoxy, aryloxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfoxyl, alkylsulfonyl, nitro, carbonitrile, carbo-alkoxy, carbo-aryloxy and carboxyl; and

15 A is a 5- or 6-membered ring optionally containing one or more heteroatoms wherein the atoms of the ring A, other than the unsaturated carbon atoms of the phenyl ring to which the ring A is fused, are saturated or unsaturated, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, addition compounds and prodrugs thereof.

2. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R₁ and R₂ are independently selected
20 from H and lower alkyl.

3. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R₁ and R₂ are hydrogen.

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A compound according to claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein R₃ is loweralkyl.

5. A compound according to claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein R₃ is methyl.

6. A compound according to any preceding claim wherein R₄ and R₅ are independently selected from hydrogen and lower alkyl.

7. A compound according to any preceding claim wherein R₆ and R₇ are independently selected from hydrogen and lower alkyl.

8. A compound according to any of claims 1 to 5 wherein one or more of R₄ to R₇ is/are hydrogen.

9. A compound according to any preceding claim wherein A is a 5- membered ring.

10 10. A compound according to any preceding claim wherein A is partially unsaturated.

11. A compound according to any preceding claim wherein A is a heterocyclic ring.

12. A compound according to claim 11 wherein A contains one or more O or S heteroatoms.

13. A compound according to any of claims 1 to 8 wherein A is selected from the group consisting of cyclohexenyl, cyclopentenyl, phenyl, dihydrofuranyl, dihydropyranyl, dihydrothienyl, 2,3-dihydro-1,4-dioxin and tetrahydropyridinyl.

14. A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compounds of formula (I) are selected from (S)-1-(benz[g]indolin-1-yl)-2-propylamine, (S)-1-(2,3,7,8-tetrahydrofuro[2,3-g]indol-1-yl)-2-propylamine, (S)-1-(2,3,7,8-tetrahydrothieno[2,3-g]indol-1-yl)-2-propylamine, (S)-1-(2,3,7,8-tetrahydro-9H-pyrano[2,3-g]indol-1-yl)-2-propylamine, (S)-1-[1-(1,2,3,6,7,8-hexahydrocyclopent[g]indolyl)]-2-propylamine, [2S,3(R or S)]-1-(3-ethyl-2,3,7,8-tetrahydrofuro[2,3-g]indol-1-yl)-2-propylamine and [2S,3(S or R)]-1-(3-ethyl-2,3,7,8-tetrahydrofuro[2,3-g]indol-1-yl)-2-propylamine.

15. A compound of formula (I) as set out in any one of claims 1 to 14 for use in therapy.

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16. The use of a compound of formula (I) as set out in any of claims 1 to 14 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of disorders of the central nervous system; damage to the central nervous system; cardiovascular disorders; gastrointestinal disorders; diabetes insipidus, and sleep apnea.

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17. A use according to claim 16 wherein the disorders of the central nervous system are selected from depression, atypical depression, bipolar disorders, anxiety disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorders, social phobias or panic states, sleep disorders, sexual dysfunction, psychoses, schizophrenia, migraine and other conditions associated with cephalic pain or other pain, raised intracranial pressure, epilepsy, personality disorders, age-related behavioural disorders, behavioural disorders associated with dementia, organic mental disorders, mental disorders in childhood, aggressivity, age-related memory disorders, chronic fatigue syndrome, drug and alcohol addiction, obesity, bulimia, anorexia nervosa and premenstrual tension.

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18. A use according to claim 16 wherein the damage to the central nervous system is by trauma, stroke, neurodegenerative diseases or toxic or infective CNS diseases.

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19. A use according to claim 18 wherein said toxic or infective CNS disease is encephalitis or meningitis.

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20. A use according to claim 16 wherein the cardiovascular disorder is thrombosis.

21. A use according to claim 16 wherein the gastrointestinal disorder is dysfunction of gastrointestinal motility.

22. A use according to claim 16 wherein said medicament is for the treatment of obesity.

30 23. A use according to any one of claims 16 to 22 wherein said treatment is prophylactic treatment.

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24. A method of treatment of any of the disorders set out in claims 16 to 21 comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective dose of a compound of formula (I) as set out in any one of claims 1 to 14.

5 25. A method of treatment according to claim 24 wherein said disorder is obesity.

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26. A method according to claim 24 or 25 wherein said treatment is prophylactic treatment.

10 27. A method of preparing a compound of formula (I) as set out in any one of claims 1 to 14.

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28. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (I) as set out in any one of claims 1 to 14 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

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29. A method of making a composition according to claim 28 comprising combining a compound of formula (I) as set out in any one of claims 1 to 14 with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.